

## Funded Place Application Criteria

To help ensure development opportunities are accessible to all women across the sector, we are proud to offer a limited number of fully funded places on our **WUN Drive** and **WUN Thrive** programmes. These bursaries are available to women working in **charities, not-for-profits, or small businesses (under 100 employees)** who are committed to their personal development and leadership journey. As bursary places are limited, organisations may be allocated a maximum number of places per cohort to ensure fair access across the sector.

To be eligible, applicants must meet **all of the following criteria**:

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### Eligibility Criteria

1. **WUN member**

2. **Organisation Type**

- You must be employed by or volunteer for:
  - A **registered charity**
  - A **not-for-profit organisation**, or
  - A **small business** (defined as fewer than 100 employees)

3. **Role Level (for WUN Drive)**

- You are currently in a **mid-level or emerging leadership role**, OR
- You are an individual contributor with clear **aspirations to grow into a leadership role**

**Role Level (for WUN Thrive)**

- You are an **established leader** looking to further develop your impact and strategic leadership skills

4. **Career Stage**

- You have at least **2 years of work experience** in any sector (not necessarily consecutive or in the same field)

5. **Commitment to Development**

- You demonstrate a genuine **commitment to personal and professional growth**.
- You are able to **attend all scheduled programme sessions** and complete any required pre- or post-work

6. **Support from Your Organisation**

- Your organisation is aware of and supports your application (a short endorsement is required from your line manager or equivalent).

## 7. Financial Need

- Your organisation is **unable to fund your place** due to financial limitations (you'll be asked to briefly explain this as part of your application)
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### Additional Considerations

While not mandatory, priority may be given to applicants who:

- Identify as being from an **underrepresented group** in their industry
  - Work in a **frontline or community-focused role**
  - Have limited access to development opportunities within their organisation
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### Application Requirements

Applicants will need to submit (to [karen@thewun.co.uk](mailto:karen@thewun.co.uk)):

- A short personal statement (max 500 words) outlining:
  - Which programme you are applying for
  - Why this programme is right for you now
  - What you hope to gain and how you'll apply it
- A brief endorsement or note of support from your organisation